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### King County seeks public input on SW 98th Street corridor



*Looking east along SW 98th Street from the White Center Central Business District.*

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**K**ing County is asking for your input on how to make SW 98th Street more inviting for pedestrians and bicycles between the new Greenbridge housing area and the White Center business district.

Greenbridge is a new mixed-income community that is being built for the King County Housing Authority on the site of the former Park Lake Homes. The county wants to make SW 98th Street into a more user-friendly corridor that will connect residents of the new community and surrounding neighborhoods to the businesses and services in the White Center central business district as well as to a new community center and library along Eighth Avenue SW.

The county has received state funding to design improvements along SW 98th Street between 11th Avenue SW and 16th Avenue SW. The project will include enhancements to existing sidewalks and streets to improve safety and encourage walking and bike riding, as well as a new accessible link and bike/pedestrian trail through the wetlands on the west side of Greenbridge. This link represents the greatest design challenge because of the steep hill in this area.

As one of the first steps toward making the project a reality, the county's Road Services Division invites you to come to a drop-in open house and give us your input. County planners will present various design options for a pedestrian/bicycle corridor and ask for your feedback. Feel free to stop by the event, check out the exhibits, and share your concerns and creative ideas with staff members. Your input will be used to narrow down the choice of options for the project, and county staff members will return to the community later this winter to ask for feedback on more detailed plans.

*View from the existing trail at the eastern part of the project area, looking west toward the beginning of SW 98th Street.*

## Come to a drop-in open house on Tuesday, January 9

Stop by any time during the event to check out exhibits and share your concerns and creative ideas.

**When:** 7 to 9 p.m.

**Where:** White Center Heights Elementary School multi-purpose room, 10015 Sixth Avenue SW



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## What's happened so far

Over the past several months, King County staff members have met with several different community groups to solicit feedback on the SW 98th Street Corridor, to identify issues and priorities.

A Technical Design Workshop held Nov. 30 included participants from among key stakeholders in the White Center community, staff members from King County and the King County Housing Authority, the Seattle Young Architects Forum, the University of Washington, and the development community.



Participants in the Technical Design Workshop discussed ideas for the SW 98th Street Corridor on Nov. 30.

## What happens next

Using input from the Technical Design Workshop and from the community, county planners will design specific improvements along the SW 98th Street corridor. In April of next year, the county will apply for funding to build those improvements. If funding is granted, construction would likely occur in 2008.

## Background

In 2005, King County spearheaded a land use study (the Land Use, Transportation, Air Quality and Health study) that shows people who live in “walkable” communities are more healthy. King County is using the study—which explores the linkage between how communities and transportation systems are built and their effect on everything from driving habits to physical fitness—to develop healthier communities.

In September 2005, King County launched the White Center Community Enhancement Initiative, a \$15 million economic redevelopment package intended to provide a foundation for future public and private investment in the community. New projects have included sidewalks on 16th Avenue SW; support for the Lakewood Park Community Learning Center; low interest loans to business owners to restore and enhance their storefronts; small business assistance; zoning changes to encourage redevelopment; support for a new two-story retail/office complex; wetland restoration; a wireless pilot project at White Center Park; and support for the Greenbridge housing development.

## Contact us

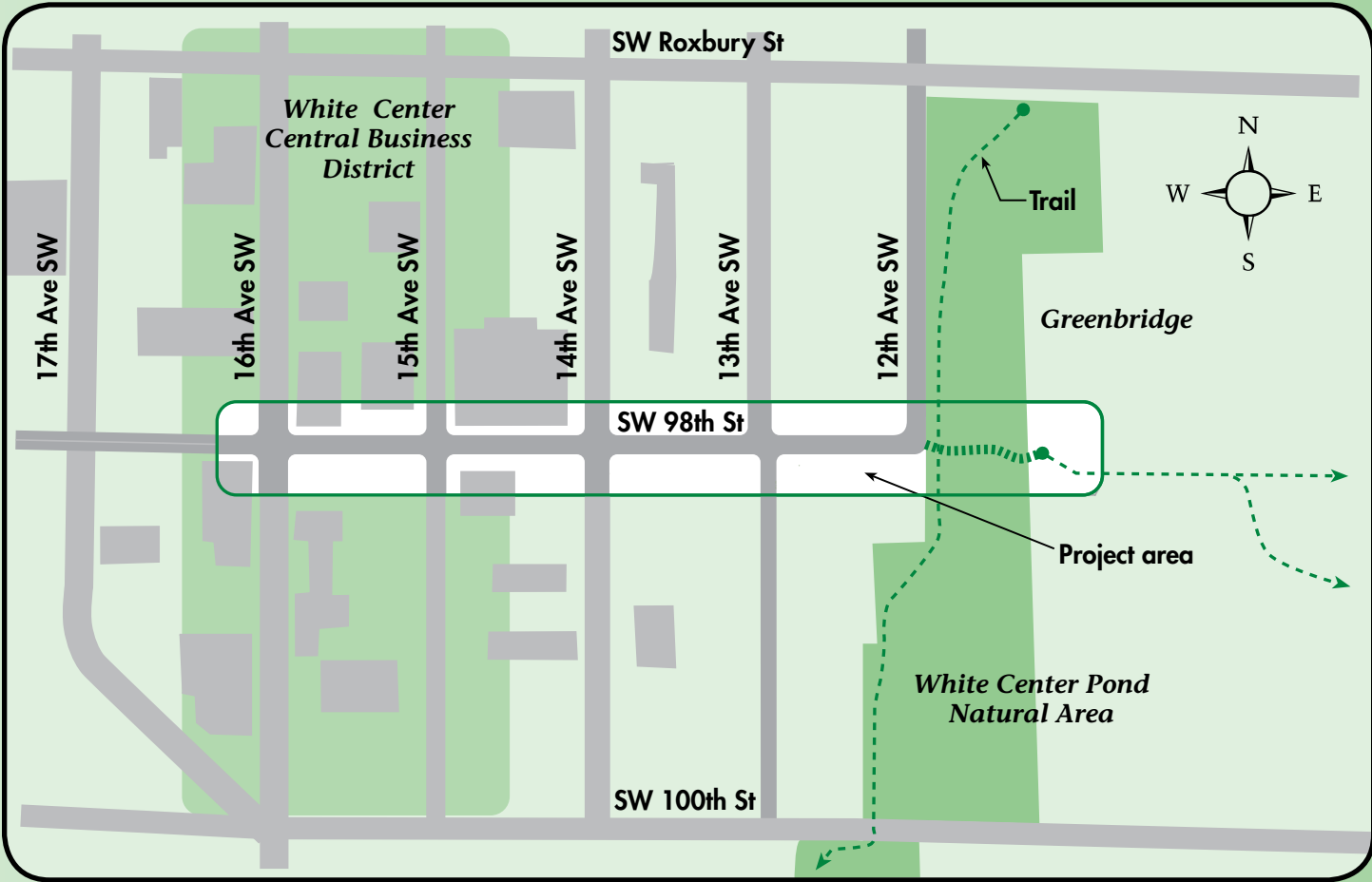
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Participants began the Nov. 30 Technical Design Workshop with a tour of the area.



Studies show that people who live in “walkable” communities are more healthy.